

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

August 25, 2016

7:30 p.m.

50 Carby Street

Committee Members Present: Michael Kraft (Chair); Bob Rich (Secretary) Steven Olanoff; George Lester; Virginia Lester; Abigail McCabe; Paul Sicard; Enkelejda Klosi,

Committee Members Absent: Todd Korchin; Michael Jaillet

Resident Attendees: Rory Laughna (3 Noanet Circle), Tom Prior (36 Fieldstone Road)

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm

Committee Reorganization

Tabled until September 2016 meeting to await new members.

Planning Board and Community and Economic Development Update – Abby McCabe

The gas station renovation at 390 Washington Street in Islington next to Dunkin Donuts was approved by the Planning Board. Directional signage, landscaping and drainage improvements are all included.

Developers are working on updating plans and presenting them to the Planning Board for the second phase of the University Station village mixed use area.

There was an Islington visioning workshop on Tuesday, July 26th to solicit feedback from residents on potential new development. Over 600 people subsequently responded to an online survey. A link to the survey results can be found on the Westwood website under Land and Property/Islington Task Force/Survey Results. There will be an Islington task force meeting on September 8th to review and discuss concept plans that have been submitted by Petruzzello Properties. The historic Blue Hart Tavern was also recently moved to its temporary location on the School Street property, final location is still not known.

Police Department Update (Paul Sicard)

East Street bridge accidents continue to occur, mostly from cars hitting curbs and moving over to the oncoming lane. There is no update on the specific timeline for bridge repair at this point.

DPW Update: (via Abby McCabe)

Westwood received \$400,000 in Complete Streets State funding to pay for sidewalk improvements. Ms. McCabe will forward the map of the sidewalk inventory showing existing

and proposed projects that were submitted as part of the prioritization plan for Complete Streets. A previously created list will be compared to the new list to determine prioritization of sidewalk projects.

Survey design work has started on the Gay Street sidewalk project.

Westwood has taken over ownership from the State of Blue Hill Drive from Lea Road to the cul-de-sac near University Avenue. Westwood is planning on installing a two way bicycle lane on one lane of this road.

Westwood Day September 24, 2016:

Ms. McCabe will reserve a table and canopy for the committee and we will once again distribute free bicycle helmets. The event runs from 10 am – 3 pm although Mr. Kraft recommended that the table be staffed from 10 am – 12 pm. Volunteers from our committee are needed for our table to help distribute helmets and answer questions as well as help the Recreation Department with various Westwood Day activities. Bob Rich will contact Mass Bike, Hale Reservation and Bikes Not Bombs to see if they have pamphlets to distribute that will help promote hiking and bicycling. A volunteer sign up form will be created for the table to encourage Westwood residents to get involved.

Old Business:

The Town is creating a new website, which will include improved search capabilities. The Bicycle Parking Design Guidelines are currently listed under the Planning Board site. Ms. McCabe will request that this information also be linked with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety site.

Steve Olanoff reminded the committee that some previously discussed projects have not been resolved, including the traffic study of the Nahatan Street/High Street and the Pond Street/High Street intersections. The committee will discuss with Todd Korchin, review the proposals, and ask Todd for his recommendations at the September meeting.

Bicycle racks and a dual trash/recycling receptacle will be installed at new Police Station.

New Business:

The May and July meeting minutes were approved.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm to help plan for the Westwood Day.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm